

T H E
WONDER of *WONDERS*;
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A strange and wonderful Relation of a MERMAID:
that was seen and spoke with, on the Black Rock
nigh *Liverpool*, by *John Robinson*, Mariner who
was tossed on the Ocean for six days and Nights;
Together with the Conversation he had with her, and
how he was preserved: with the Manner of his Death
five Days after his return Home.



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ON the 29th of *April* last, one Mr *James Dixon*, Caprain and Commander of the Ship *DOLPHIN* in her Passage from *Amsterdam* in *Holland* was beat back by a tempestuous Wind, and all the Men perished, except a young Man, named *JOHN ROBINSON*, who was taken very ill on board the Ship, and was left to Almighty Providence, and to the Mercy of the Seas and Winds, and was also in great Fear and dreadful Fright on the Main Ocean, for the said *John Robinson* dreamt that he was on the top of an high Mountain, whose top, he thought reach'd up to the Heavens, and that there was a fine Castle, about the Circumference of a Mile, and furnished with

with all Sorts of Diamonds and precious Stones. and likewise on the top of the Mountain, was a well, which Water was as sweet as Honey, and as white as Milk, that whomsoever drank of that Water, should never be dry again; with all Sorts of Musick very delightful to hear, so one would think, as he suppos'd. seven Years in that Place, not so long as a Day.

After having view'd the Castle round, he observed to his great Admiration a beautiful young Lady, who was guarded by seven Serpents, very frightful to behold.

Suppose the young Lady was very beautiful, yet he with'd rather to be a Thousand Miles off than in the Sight of those Serpents; and looking round about, he espy'd (to his great Comfort) a green Gate, and a street pav'd with blue Marble, which open'd at his coming to it, and so he got away from the Serpents; But coming to the top of the Hill, he did not know how to get down, it being
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very high and steep, but he found a Ladder to his comfort; it being very slender, was afraid to venture, but at last was oblig'd to go down it, for one of the Serpents having taken Notice of him, pursued him so very close, that he was in great Danger, and thought he fell and broke his leg, and that the Serpent fell upon him which awaked him in great Fright, and almost made him mad.

By this you may think what a great Trouble he was in, awaked alone on the Main Ocean, when missing all the rest of the Ship's Crew, and also the great Danger he was in.

But to his great Amazement, he espy'd a beautiful young Lady combing her head, and toss'd on the Billows, cloathed all in green but by chance he got the first Word of her) then she with a Smile came on board, and asked how he did.

The young Man being something smart, and a Scholar, reply'd, *Madam, I am the*

the better to see you in good Health, in great hopes trusting you will be a comfort and assistance to me in this my low Condition, and so caught hold of her Comb and green Girdle that was about her Waist. To which she replied, Sir, you ought not to rob a young Woman of her Riches, and then expect a favour at her Hands; but if you will give me my Comb and Girdle again, what lies in my power I will do for you.

At which Time he had no Power to keep them from her, but immediately delivered them up again; she then smiling, Thank'd him, and told him, If he would meet her again next Friday she wou'd set him on shore. He had no power to deny her, so readily gave his Consent; at which time she gave him a Compass and desired him to steer South-West; he thank'd her and told her, he wanted some News, she said she would tell him the next opportunity when he fulfilled his promises; but he would find his Father and Mother

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much grieved about him, and so jumping in
to the Sea she departed out of his sight.

At her departure the Tempest ceased,
and blew a fair Gale to *South-West*. so
he got safe on Shore: but when he came
to his Father's House, he found every
Thing as she had told him. For she told
him also concerning his being left on Ship-
board, and how all the Seamen perished,
which he found all true what she had
told him, according to the promise she
made him.

He was still very much troubled in his
mind, concerning his promise, but yet
while he was thus musing, she appeared
to him with a smiling Countenance, and
(by his misfortune) she got the first Word
of him, so that he could not speak one
Word, but was quite Dumb, yet he took
Notice of the Words she spoke; and thus
she began to Sing.

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'Tis true King George he rules the Land,

And he bath Men at his Command.

King George he likewise ruleth high,

And he bath many an Enemy;

Yet he will over rule them all,

And make their Pride to have a fall.

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And after those debates shall cease.

Old England then will be at Peace;

They have no reason to complain,

Trading will flourish once again.

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Upon which she departed out of the young Man's sight, taking from him the Compals. She took a Ring from off her Finger and put it on the young Man's and said, *she expected to see him once again with more Freedom.* But he never saw her more, upon which he came to himself again, went home, and was taken ill, and died in five Days after, to the wonderful Admiration of all People who saw the young Man.

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